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PROMOTION OF EMPLOYMENT IN IT
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the current slow-down in the united States of America has adversely affected the IT related economy and job opportunities in India as well;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Indian IT professionals who have had to return from USA as a result thereof; and

(d) steps taken to promote employment is IT related services in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMO MAHAJAN)

(a) and (b): The slow down in the US economy, as indications suggest in the software driven IT industry, is likely to affect to some extent the software exports of on-site services. However, out-sourcing of software services by the US companies is likely to go up as the US corporates are looking at means of cutting the costs. The out sourced assignments will offer opportunities to IT professionals here. On the whole it is expected that the Indian software industry will continue to maintain a healthy growth rate.

(c): The exact number is not known, however the Indian industry has the capacity and is willing to absorb all such people.

(d): Various incentives provided by the Government to IT industry, which may help in maintaining a healthy growth rate and thereby help in employment generation are placed at Annexure.